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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

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1. PRESIDENT EYADEMA ACCEPTED CREDENTIALS OF NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR DJEUNG TAI HWA NOVEMBER 15, WHO ARRIVED LOME OCTOBER 24.

2. ALTHOUGH EYADEMA HAS CUSTOMARILY RECEIVED CREDENTIALS FROM ALL RESIDENT AMBASSADORS WHO MAY HAVE ARRIVED LOME SINCE LAST SUCH CEREMONY, HE DID NOT RPT NOT ALSO RECEIVE GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR BEN FORJOE WHO ARRIVED NOVEBER 5. GHANAIN CHARGE GYAMPOH ADMITTED TO US, ON BEING QUERIED, HIS EMBASSY AT A LOSS TO KNOW WHAT, IF ANYTHING, OMISSION SIGNIFIES.

3. IN PRESENTATION REMARKS, ACCORDING NOV 16 TOGO-PRESSE, DJEUNG TAI HWA: CONGRATULATED TOGOLESE "FOR GREAT SUCCESS IN STRUGGLE TO OPPOSE IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM AND TO SAFEGUARD THEIR NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL INDEPENDENCE;"

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NOTED NORTH KOREA'S TRANSFORMATION UNDER KIM IL SUNG INTO

POWERFUL INDUSTRIAL SOCIALIST STATE; TOUCHED ON NORTH KOREAN 5-POINTS FOR REUNIFICATION; THANKED TOGOLESE PEOPLE AND PRESIDENT FOR THEIR FIRM SOLIDARITY TO CAUSE AND JUST STRUGGLE OF HIS COUNTRY.

4. EYADEMA REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OPENING OF PDRK EMBASSY WOULD TIGHTEN TOGO-NK LINKS AND REINFORCE COOPERATION; HE PRAISED KIM IL SUNG'S "ENLIGHTENED CONDUCT" IN TRANSFORMING COUNTRY RAPIDLY AND SAID RESULTS PROVED "UNION AND SOLIDARITY ARE DETERMINING FACTORS OF SUCCESS" (HIS OWN DOMESTIC LINE). AS AMBASSADOR GETS TO KNOW TOGO, EYADEMA SAID, "YOU WILL RAPIDLY PERCEIVE NUMEROUS ANALOGIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN US AND CAN ONLY PROMOTE OUR EXCHANGES." PRESIDENT ALSO SAID TOGO "RESPECTS ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION", AND HOPED "APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE" WOULD PERMIT REUNIFICATION KOREA.
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